(b) Funds under RGGVY are released in installments commensurating with the progress reported by the Implementing agencies. There is no provision for State-wise allocation of funds under RGGVY. U.P. State has availed an amount of Rs.2,357.01 crores under RGGVY as on 17.08.2007. Year-wise funds disbursed are presented at Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The continuation of RGGVY in the Eleventh Plan has not yet been approved.

Statement-I

Year-wise BPL connections reportedly released in U.P. under RGGVY as on 17.08.2007

Sl. No.	Year	No. of BPL connections released
1	2005-06	4060
2	2006-07	2,51,628
3	2007-08 upto 17.08.07	60,284
	TOTAL:	3,15,972

Statement-II

Year-wise funds released to U.P. under RGGVY as on 17.08.2007

Sl. No.	Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
1	2004-05*	639.96
2	2005-06	172.64
3	2006-07	1544.41
4	2007-08 upto 17.08.07	0.00
	TOTAL:	2357.01

* Funds were released under Accelerated Electrification of one lakh villages and one crore rural households. which was merged in RGGVY

Use of smart technology

1615. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the use of smart technology like sensors, for switching on or switching off power, can save significant amount of energy;

(b) to what extent the smart technology is being made to be used and encouraged by Government;

(c) whether Government have given any incentives for developing and manufacturing energy efficient equipments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Recently launched Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) encourages use of smart technology. Further, Government provides fiscal incentives and other support measures for promoting industrial Research and Development (R&D) and increased utilization of locally available R&D options for industrial development. This includes smart technology and development and manufacturing of energy efficient equipment. These are in addition to the programmes for funding R&D projects of institutions/industry directly.

(d) The fiscal incentives provided by the Government include: (i) write off of revenue expenditure and capital expenditure (in the year expenditure incurred) on R&D, (ii) weighted tax deduction @ 125% to 150%, (iii) income tax exemption @ 125% of the donations made to Scientific and Industrial Research Organizations, (iv) accelerated depreciation allowance, (v) customs and excise duty exemptions to public funded R&D institutions and privately funded Scientific and Industrial Research Organizations, (vi) free import duty for the goods specified in list 28 for use in pharmaceutical and biotechnology sector, (vii) excise duty exemption for 3 years on goods designed and developed by a wholly owned Indian company with certain conditions, (viii) customs duty exemption on imports made for R&D projects funded by Government in industry, etc.

Facilities for Tehri Dam displaced

1616. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the development work carried out, including road widening, provision of electricity poles, water connection and other road linkages till plot No.355, banda No.5 at Mauja Pathri, Suman Nagar, Bahadrabad, District Haridwar, which were allotted by Tehri Hydro Electric Development Corporation;

(b) the details of the road linkages planned and being developed to connect Suman Nagar with Haridwar industrial area (Sidcul) and Roorkee;

(c) whether steps are being taken to monitor the development work undertaken by the State Government in this area;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The initial development of the Tehri Dam Rehabilitation site at Pathri, District Haridwar including roads, electricity, water connections, tubewells, irrigation channels, water tanks, junior high schools, primary health centre, panchayat ghar etc. had been undertaken by THDC. The details have been given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The Rehabilitation site Pathri has been linked with Haridwar industrial area and Roorkee through a 3.75m wide metalled road.